



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

MICHAEL D. BEDNAREK

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For:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SUPPORTING PARTICIPANT

SPECIFIC INCENTIVES AND

**PROMOTIONS** 

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Examiner: JANVIER, Jean D.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a full and timely response to the Office Action mailed July 24, 2002 and the Final Rejection of April 10, 2002. A one month extension of time is believed to be due at this time. However, any further extensions of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-1390.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 10, 2002 and the Advisory Action mailed on July 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows: